

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification has been amended as follows:

**[0052]** In the network photograph service system of the present invention, as shown in Figure 1, a customer 1, a service center 2 which receives an order, and a minilab 3 or a special laboratory 4 with special equipment can all communicate via a network. On this occasion, since the service center 3—2 and the special laboratory 4 need to communicate frequently, they use high speed lines so that they can handle more orders promptly.

**[0054]** The center server 12 in the service center 2 stores the thumbnail image transferred from each photo-finishing laboratory in correlation with the laboratory from which the image has been sent, while making the thumbnail image accessible on the network. On this occasion, the thumbnail image does not need a particularly high quality, since the customer uses the thumbnail image only to confirm the picture upon an order. In order to save disc space, it is more preferable if the thumbnail image has a smaller amount of data. In this embodiment, digital image data that the laboratory server 8 stores for outputting a print has 4 base

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pixels (approximately ~~1024~~ ~~1792~~ 1024 ~ 1792 pixels) which are necessary for outputting an L size print at 300 dpi, while the digital image data that the center server 12 stores for an access via the network has 1/4 base pixels (approximately ~~368~~ ~~256~~ 368 ~ 256 pixels). The center server 12 also stores a thumbnail of the template that the laboratory server 8 stores so that the customer can access the template via the network.

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[0073] If the low resolution image data and template are provided by a medium 11-17, the WWW browser 30 is used for browsing the data stored in the medium 11-17 and also for copying data from the medium 11-17 to the hard disc of the personal computer 6.